

RPA Committee Meeting Minutes

.....August 22, 2013

Present: Rich Spinelli, Carl Miller, Rick Kase, Fred Haynes, Bob Kingston, Chuck Schultz, Tom Fortunato, Dave Robinson, Ray Stone, and Florence Wright Held at Rich Spinelli's home.

Absent- none

Compiled by Fred Haynes

President Rich Spinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM and proposed an agenda to include

- A. RPA Committees and Committee Chairs
- B. Meeting Plans and Programs
- C. General Meeting Agenda
- D. Any other issues/business from any present

A) RPA Committees and Committee Chairs

The group discussed several active needs within the coming year and assigned responsibility among the committee members and other active club participants to several. This is not intended to suggest these individuals need to (or even should) do all the work on the particular topic, but they will work during the year to lead and progress in the area

- Facilities and Equipment - Bob Kingston
- Dues/Membership - Florence Wright
- Membership Recruitment – Rich Spinelli
- Transportation – Chuck Schultz
- Meeting Programs – Carl Miller (as VP)
- Door Prizes – Ray Stone
- Special Events/ Publicity (excluding ROPEX) - Fred Haynes
- Website/Communications – Tom Fortunato
- Hinges and Tongs – Fred Haynes
- Youth Programs – Fred Haynes
- Library – Joe Doles ??
- ROPEX – Tom Fortunato
- Called Auction (Oct. 10th) - Rick Kase
- Dinner Meeting - Ray Stone
- Integration – Rich Spinelli

Many of the issues discussed and documented from the August 8th meeting now have champions.

B) Meeting Plans and Programs

Our fall meeting schedule was completed with significant discussion around a Dinner Meeting and Called Auction on October 10th. Here is the fall schedule

Thursday, Sept 12... "What I did this Summer"

Thursday, Sept 26.... "Computers and Philately: Creating Free Album Pages" by George Fekete

Thursday, Oct 10..... "Dinner Meeting with Called Auction" at the Morningstar Restaurant,
850 Merchants Rd (dinner at 630 PM – cost \$15, auction to follow
at ~7:30 PM) Register for dinner by Oct. 7.

Ray Stone will coordinate with the restaurant.

Thursday, Oct 24..... "Psycho-Philately: Adolph Hitler" by Dr. Anthony Labrum

Thursday, Nov 14..... "Minerals on Stamps" by Fred Haynes

Thursday, Dec 12..... "Medical Stamps" by Steve Eisinger

Plans for the 2014 winter and spring meetings are less firm but all agreed some "lessons" on exhibiting would be good and a couple other tentative program ideas were penciled in.

Thursday Jan 9 "Exhibiting Basics 1" by Tom Fortunato

Thursday Jan 23 ... TBA

Thursday Feb 13 "Exhibiting Basics 2" by Tom Fortunato and others

The suggestion was made and seconded that club members interested could bring a one page "exhibit" to show with possible "judging" and comments

Thursday Feb 27 "Stamp Quiz with huge prizes!" Fred Haynes will develop and coordinate

Thursday March 13 TBA

Thursday March 27 "Everyone a Dealer"

Thursday April 10 TBA

Saturday April 26 Called Auction, Possible kid's event (NOTE SATURDAY EVENT)

Thursday May 8 TBA

Friday-Sunday May 16-18 ROPEX

Thursday May 22 ROPEX in review or TBA

Thursday June 12 John Babbitt, topic TBA

Thursday June 26 business mtg./Strawberries

C. General Meeting Agenda

There was little discussion of the proposed agenda time frame by Rich. It appears all agree to use it a flexible guideline to plan and carry out the meetings.

D. Any other business

- Hinges and Tongs is complete. Florence volunteered to proof read for Fred and she has done so. A digital copy has been sent to Tom for posting on the website and sending to members with e-mail. Fred will be printing and mailing hard copies to others before the end of the month.
- We discussed the extra frames. All agreed that we like have 50 units (100 frames) that are an asset we will never use. They could be sold. Some discussion about their value between \$150 and \$250/unit, but all agreed we should look into possible sale. Tom plans to follow up with Canadian group stewarding a show in London, Ont. In 2015 that had inquired earlier.
- Can we lower liability insurance rate? Are our frames and other material in either the library or storage on Merchants Ave. insured. Dave will check on both.
- Agreed a club printer was not needed. Those needing to print for club would do so and club would reimburse. We did see need for club computer to be available at meetings for presentation, etc. May look into purchasing used from a member upgrading.
- We discussed the value and nature of possible presentation awards we might give to presenters. Possibly vouchers for auction purchase of club entries ?
- Dave will bring tax exempt forms to next meeting for folks purchasing for the club.
- The minutes from the last meeting were accepted. Tom can post to website.

Meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00 PM.